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Information for CPD

In connection with the interest of CPD in preventing the further penetration of Axis or former Axis agents into LA via Spain, may I call to your attention the following excerpt from the preliminary interrogation of Walther Giese, a captured Nazi agent:

During the same year (1942), subject was sent to Madrid by the Intelligence agency in Hamburg. His mission was to transfer agents and radio equipment to South America. In 1943 subject was transferred from Espionage (I) to counter-espionage (III) of Military Intelligence (Abwehr) and his headquarters was moved from Madrid to Vigo, Spain. In this capacity he was continually in a position to observe the activities of Allied espionage agencies, particularly British. Subject claims Germans in Spain were assisted and supported by Spanish General Staff and that through the assistance of the Spanish General Staff, German Intelligence agencies were able to monitor all telephone calls passing through the main Madrid switchboard. Because of the ascendancy of the Allied powers, subject was forced to leave Spain at the end of 1944.

Giese was interrogated on several occasions. These interrogation reports are available. Additional information about Giese and other agents who operated from or through Spain is available from what was formerly the X-2 Branch of OSS, now in SSU. If I can be of any help, please let me know. My former contacts in X-2 will be happy to provide the data they have.